

TEXAS DEMOCRATS

March 24, 2025

Chair Gilberto Hinojosa,

I shared this with you last year but to formalize, I hereby resign as General Counsel of the Texas Democratic Party effective at the end of your service as the Party's Chair.

It is and will remain one of the great honors in my life to have stood up in courts from Del Rio to Austin to Washington, D.C. on behalf of millions of Texans. I got into this work fighting for working class Texans, who desperately need government to focus on them instead of the powerful and wealthy. I have focused everyday fighting off racial injustice and casting aside the Party's despicable history chronicled in the U.S. Supreme Court White Primary Cases. The work is nowhere near complete and likely never will be, but it has come time for me to pursue justice in other capacities. I have given this my all, committed to the struggle mightily, stretched my limited talents to the breaking point, and always strove to serve with honor and ethics.

My service to the Party began as Assistant General Counsel under Chair Molly Beth Malcom. On November 6, 2003, I was appointed General Counsel by Chair Charles Soechting who said in my appointment letter, after acknowledging the short time I had been a lawyer, "...I am either the damndest idiot that's ever been elected state chair or [] I believe that you have the ability and intelligence beyond description. I, of course, being the vain person that I am believe the latter is correct." I went to work to earn this confidence.

After Chair Boyd Richie took the helm, he retained me and trusted that I would continue serving Democrats at his direction. His decision and my service to him will always be a great honor. During his term, the Party secured a number of significant legal victories.

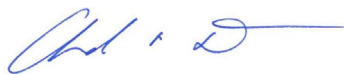
To my surprise and honor, you too chose to retain me as your General Counsel, and because of this, I had the honor to serve you longer than any other Chair of the party. We also secured numerous legal victories securing the rights of voters.

You, and each of the other Chairs I have served, have taught me a great deal about politics, the law, and leadership. The friendship I developed with each of you I will cherish forever. Each of you has blessed me the opportunity to work with the executive directors you selected, and many of them remain close friends of mine today.

There have been times when I have handled dozens of active legal matters for the Party. There have been many days filled with reviews of leases, contracts, personnel issues and countless other matters. There have been numerous sleepless nights. But, now is a relatively slow time and that should ease the handoff to my replacement. Assuming the new chair desires it, I remain willing to assist in the transition.

Thank you ever so much, again, for your confidence in me. Thank you to all the Texans who allowed me to be their voice. I remain committed to the causes of equal justice, the Right to Vote, and a Fair Deal for all.

Sincerely,



Chad W. Dunn
General Counsel